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SUBJECT: SOVIET DIPLOMAT'S COMMENTS ON KULIKOV VISIT

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1. SOVIET FIRST SECRETARY ALEXI NIKIFOROV TOLD EMBOFFS THAT SOVIET CHIEF OF STAFF VIKTOR'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA WAS RETURN FOR VISIT DEFSEC GEN NIKOLA LJUBICIC MADE TO SOVIET UNION MAY 1974. TO QUESTION AS TO WHY SOVIET DEFMINGRECHKO HAD NOT COME AS LJUBICIC'S EQUIVALENT, NIKIFOROV POINTED OUT THAT GRECHKO'S POSITION IS DIFFERENT SINCE HE IS ALSO MEMBER OF POLITBURO, BUT IN ANY CASE, THAT INVITATION WAS TO KULIKOV.

2. NIKIFOROV STATED THAT ONE PURPOSE OF KULIKOV VISIT WAS TO NEGOTIATE MILITARY SALES WITH YUGOSLAVS. HE DID NOT REVEAL WHICH ITEMS WERE UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT DID SAY THAT SOVIETS DO NOT SELL THEIR HOTTEST HARDWARE TO THE YUGOSLAVS. NIKIFOROV SAID SOVIETS WERE NOT SHOPPING FOR NAVAL BASES, DODGING FURTHER DISCUSSION BY CITING INAPPROPRIATE EXAMPLE THAT EGYPTIANS HAD OFFERED SOVIET NAVY A BASE WHEN NASSER WAS PRESIDENT BUT SOVIETS TURNED OFFER DOWN SINCE THEY DID NOT NEED THE BASE. QUERIED ON SOVIET EXPERI-

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ENCE WITH NEW YUGOSLAV LAW ON REPAIR OF FOREIGN SHIPS,

NIKIFOROV SAID SOVIETS HAD NOT FOUND IT TO BE SIGNIFICANT  
DEPARTURE FROM PAST PRACTICE.  
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